Sources of Non-Conventional Energy Production in Fifth Schedule Areas

640. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the sources of Non-Conventional energy production in the Fifth Schedule areas;

(b) whether any mini hydel power projects are allowed to be constructed by private entrepreneurs; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) The sources of non-conventional energy production, *i.e.*, solar, biomass, wind, hydro etc. can be harnessed in most areas, including Fifth Schedule areas, depending upon availability.

(b) and (c) Setting up of small/mini hydro power projects by private entrepreneurs in Fifth Schedule areas or elsewhere is governed by the policies of respective State Governments. However, alienation of land in such areas can take place only on the recommendation of the respective Tribes Advisory Councils and after a resolution has been adopted by the concerned Gram Sabha in respect of the land proposed for alienation.

Generation of Solar Energy

641. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of energy generated and distributed during the last three years under the Solar Photo Voltaic (S.P.V.) and Solar Thermal Electric (S.T.E.) programmes, by the Central Government in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government propose to allocate more funds to promote solar energy in Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;